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AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION, ISRAELI SECURITY (SHIN-BETH) WAS ADVISED POST THAT THEY WILL PROVIDE BODYGUARD COVERAGE TO THE AMBASSADOR. COVERAGE WILL CONSIST OF ONE SHIN-BETH AGENT AVAILABLE TO

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AMBASSADOR AS BODYGUARD AND SECURITY COORDINATOR WHENEVER HE
LEAVES RESIDENCE. COVERAGE WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY UPON THE RETURN
OF AMBASSADOR LEWIS TO ISRAEL, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH
25, 1978. SHIN-BETH HAS ITS OWN RADIO COMMUNICATIONS
NET WHICH WILL ENABLE AMBASSADOR'S BODYGUARD TO HAVE INSTANT
COMMUNICATIONS WITH VARIOUS ISRAELI SECURITY PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT ISRAEL. WEAPONS USED BY SHIN-BETH PROTECTIVE PERSONNEL INCLUDE
UZI SUBMACHINE GUNS AND .38 CAL REVOLVER. POST HAD MUCH
FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE WITH SHIN-BETH PROTECTIVE
DETAILS DURING SECSTATE VISITS AS WELL AS NUMEROUS OTHER
VIP VISITS. POST IS VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH DEGREE
OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE OF SHIN-BETH PROTECTIVE
PERSONNEL AND BELIEVES THAT THE LEVEL OF PROTECTION THAT
THEY OFFER FAR SURPASSES ANY OTHER LOCAL RESOURCES.
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LOCAL CONTRACT GUARD COMPANIES THEREFORE WILL NOT BE USED FOR BODYGUARD SERVICE. VIETS

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